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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiyuki YANO

Group Art Unit: 4157

Application No.: 10/647,451

Examiner: Getaneh

Filed: August 26, 2003

Docket No.: 116870

For: IMAGE READING SYSTEM AND IMAGE READING METHOD

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant's representative conducted a personal interview in connection with the above-identified application with Examiners Getaneh and Le on March 17, 2008. Applicant thanks Examiners Getaneh and Le for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative.

During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the Amendment filed March 5, 2008. Applicant's representative asserted that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0170973 to Teraura does not teach stopping "at least one of reading processing of the image reading unit and output processing of the output unit, in case that the additional image information data, which was read by the data reading unit," as recited in claim 15.

Applicant's representative further asserted that the claim features allow the option of additional image information read from the non-contact memory to be printed, and that Teraura does not teach this feature.

Examiners Getaneh and Le indicated that after an initial review there appeared to be a distinction between Teraura and the features recited in the claims. However, the Examiners indicated that further search and consideration would be necessary.

Should any questions arise regarding this submission, all inquiries may be directed to Applicant's undersigned rep at the telephone number set forth below.

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